

Bench Bad Behavior: Bringing Civility Back to State Events

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A Bit of Background on Iowa.....



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- ▶ We play baseball & softball in the summer
- ▶ Remember Covid? We played on...

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- ▶ Fan behavior constant – always present
- ▶ Why so much attention now?
 - ▶ Ex: NBA – water bottles, popcorn, fans on the court, personal connections to players
 - ▶ Players now complaining
- ▶ Covid – fans coming back with “passion”

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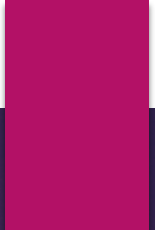
- ▶ Father punch a brick wall while exiting state basketball
- ▶ Student asked to leave; broke class window
- ▶ Monkey noises @ softball
- ▶ Spitting at umpires
- ▶ Father & daughter (player) confronting official postgame
- ▶ Coaches/Officials – before, during, after games
- ▶ Student sections – calling opposing players cunts, whores, & sluts

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- ▶ What can we change?
 - ▶ Reward good behavior
 - ▶ Increase punishments
 - ▶ Let the schools handle it
 - ▶ Just ignore it
- ▶ What would you do if you weren't afraid?

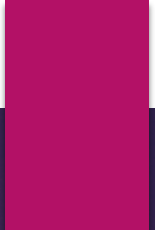
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- ▶ Afraid of lawsuits
- ▶ Afraid of nasty emails
- ▶ Afraid of community pushback
- ▶ Afraid of “making it worse”
- ▶ Afraid of losing more officials
- ▶ Afraid of losing more coaches
- ▶ Afraid of losing more athletes



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***Is what we are doing in the
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Appropriate

Borderline

Inappropriate

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- ▶ State Tournament Fan Procedures
 - ▶ Every court / field has a manager (our staff)
 - ▶ Identify AD / Admins – floor access (proximity)
 - ▶ Identify student leaders. State expectations.
 - ▶ “Rules of Engagement” – this is your warning
- ▶ If issues arise, we don’t delegate
- ▶ If removed, they’re removed for whole tournament.

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- ▶ What are your non-negotiables?
- ▶ As an organization? As a leader? As a parent? As a board member? As a human being?

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- ▶ Our word: **Get the “F**K” Out!**
- ▶ Noun, pronoun, verb, adjective, adverb, preposition, conjunction, interjection
- ▶ Simple sentence, compound sentence, complex sentence, the compound-complex sentence

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- ▶ Other Initiatives:
 - ▶ Siouxland conference leadership
 - ▶ Do Better, Be Better
 - ▶ Culture Building for Coaches

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- ▶ What would we do if we weren't afraid?
- ▶ Is what we are doing in the best interest of the Iowa Girl?
- ▶ The IGHSAU is judged based on the worst behavior we are willing to tolerate.

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- ▶ Questions or comments?
- ▶ What are you doing in your state?
- ▶ At your state tournaments?

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““People are not a problem to solved. They are a force to be UNLEASHED.” - Brett Culp”

- Taylor Anderson

